

TRANSFORMATION CELEBRATION
Of
IRENE FITZGERALD



Saturday, September 25, 1993
1:00 P.M.

Israel Baptist Church

4500 South Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Reverend Rodney J. Howard
Officiant



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

KEITH COLLIER
EMMET GILCHRIST
JAMES GILCHRIST
CHARLES HALL
JACOB HALL
JOE WILLIAMS

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cornelius Allen - Kenneth Curry - L.B. Reed
Curtis Sardin - Leslie Spearman - George Thomas



Angelus Funeral Home

Directors in Charge

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION — "Victory"..... Choir

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament - 23rd Psalm..... Rev. Melford Jones
New Testament - I Cor. 15:49-58..... Rev. Samuel Dixon

PRAYER..... Rev. Lovely Haynes

SELECTION — "Jerusalem"..... Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..... Sis. Ann Allen

SELECTION — "Your Grace and Mercy"..... Choir

REMARKS (2 Minutes)

Mother Ida Perry - Dea. Henry J. Wilson
Dea. Murray Page, Jr. - Rev. W. T. Snead

SELECTION — "Ain't That Good News"..... Choir

OBITUARY..... Sis. Ann Allen

SELECTION — "Yes, Lord"..... Choir

SPOKEN WORD..... Pastor Rodney J. Howard

PARTING VIEW

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT
Rose Hills Memorial Park
Whittier, California

OBITUARY

On February 3, 1915 in Fayette, Mississippi to the union of Mitchell and Louvenia Gilchrist was born the eighth of nine children, a beautiful and charming baby girl whom they named IRENE, and affectionately called "Sug". Irene grew up a happy, spoiled child that would be carried if she chose not to walk. She was educated in the public schools of Jefferson County, Mississippi.

Irene accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior in 1928 and united with the Mt. Israel Baptist Church under the pastorage of the late Rev. Henry "Groaning" Smith.

Irene met the handsome Lehman Washington Fitzgerald, was wooed and joined in holy matrimony on February 8, 1934. They lived happily together for 53 years. To this union was born one daughter, Gracie Lee.

Irene and her family moved permanently to Los Angeles in 1940. Being mindful of the covenant, she united with the Israel Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorage of the late Howard David Higdon where she remained faithful until the Lord called her home.

Throughout her membership she served her church in various capacities. In the early years she sang in the choir. At one time, she was President of the Live Wire Club. She was a member of the Senior Mission and served many years as a Women's Day Captain. She also served as the February Birthday Club Captain. At the time of her demise, she was a member of the Mother's Board.

Irene was an industrious woman. She worked for Lockheed Aircraft and U.S. Rubber Company. Later she worked as a domestic and finally became a homemaker.

She departed this life on September 20, 1993.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a loving daughter, Gracie Goodin; three granddaughters, Vanessa Franklin, Viola McGlover and Denise Franklin; one grandson-in-law, Eric McGlover; one sister, Phyllis Brown; six sisters-in-law, Louella and Queenie Gilchrist of Los Angeles, CA; Althea Ford of Churchill, Ms. Nan Fitzgerald of Vidalia, LA; Ethel Kelly of St. Louis, MO; Edna Fitzgerald of Natchez, MS; two brothers-in-law, Hughes Fitzgerald of Natchez, MS; and Will T. Fitzgerald of Vidalia, LA; seven great granddaughters, Denisha, Denitra, Valinda, Denida, Denika, Denaja and Erin and a host of other relatives and friends.
